



June 16, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Applications by AT&T and T-Mobile for Consent to Merge (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Shelby County Economic & Industrial Development Authority is responsible for developing the economic base and creating jobs in the fastest-growing county in Alabama.

Our county has a diverse economic base of industrial and corporate developments. Our Highway 280 corridor is one of Alabama's fastest growing corporate locations and our Interstate 65 corridor is a magnet for light manufacturing and distribution. While our appeal to business is substantial, the expansion of high-speed, reliable mobile broadband is vital to growing and recruiting companies.

More widespread mobile broadband access will also support the county's unique tourism industry. We are home to the largest state park in Alabama, a nationally pioneering civic education center and a National Cemetery. Wireless high-speed Internet access will help us attract tourists to our area and allow visitors to stay connected while travelling.

The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will extend an advanced mobile 4G network to a wider geographical area to reach a greater number of Americans and their communities. This improved network will also offer better voice and data services and faster online speeds. These improvements will benefit Shelby County. We hope that you will support this initiative.

Sincerely,

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James G. Dedes, CEcD
Executive Director

CC: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn